

OBJECT ID	F2014.92
OBJECT NAME	Certificate, Achievement
DATE CREATED	11/24/1958
MEDIUM	Ink
MATERIAL	Paper
ACCESS POINTS	blue Certificate ink Municipal Court of Chicago paper State of Illinois

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Certificate awarded to James K. Chelos awarded upon being "Elected Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago" on November 4, 1958. The certificated was issued by Edward J. Barrett, whose signature is at the bottom right, on November 24, 1958. The certificate has a thin blue design outlining its body and also has a gold seal of Cook County Illinois.

ORIGIN

Chelos was among the twelve Democratic judges who were elected to the Chicago Municipal Court and effectively swept the vote.

Born in Tripolis, Greece. Attended grammar and high school there and immigrate to the US in 1912. He graduated from the Chicago Law School, in Chicago, IL and was admitted to the Bar in June 1932 and engaged in the general practice of law in Chicago.

In 1933 he was appointed Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago and held that position for over 19 years. He was elected an Associate Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago in Nov. 1952 and 1958. He was elected an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1964. He was not only the first Greek-American judge, but the first Greek-American to be elected to public office.

CITATION

Certificate, Achievement, 11/24/1958, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/18/26.